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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PROTECTION OF PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS

1. I HAVE MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH ALL PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS IN ERITREA (TOTAL 13) WHO ARE ALL IN ASMARA, CONCERNING THE CLOSURE OF THE CONGEN. THOSE THAT HAVE CONTACTED THE CONGEN AGAIN ON APRIL 25 (TOTAL 7) HAVE BEEN ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: (1) THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR PANIC (DESPITE THE FRANTIC PACE AT THE CONGEN) AS THERE HAVE BEEN NO EPMG MOVES AGAINST PRIVATE CITIZENS OF ANY NATIONALITY; (2) KEEP IN CONTACT WITH THE CONGEN TO MONITOR THE ATTITUDES OF THE EPMG DURING THE CLOSURE OF KAGNEW AND THE CONGEN TO BOTH AVOID MISTAKES AND TO DETERMINE EPMG COOPERATION; (3) REVIEW CAREFULLY THE POSSIBILITY OF LEAVING ASMARA AND BEGIN PLANS ACCORDINGLY IF THEY CONSIDER IT THE APPROPRIATE COURSE; AND (4) THERE IS NO FIRM EVIDENCE THAT THE EPMG IS PLANNING ANY MASSIVE MILITARY ACTIVITY IN ERITREA.

2. THIS HAS BEEN ACCEPTED WITH EQUILIBRIUM BY ALL AMCITS CONTACTED AND THEY WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE CONGEN UNTIL THE FINAL DAY.
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